

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a politically slanted documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of the abuse of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the specific partisan interests and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at central corporate office far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a more stringent analysis of benefit to the public. Thank you.